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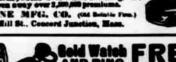


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features of the earth's surface, protected as they are from atmospheric erosion, and have suffered no change in geological

From the standpoint of quantity it would have required a shell of matter covering all the ocean surface to a depth of thirty-five miles to form a spherical body the size of the moon. This depth we may therefore take on this supposition as the thickness of the crust of the earth at that time. Since the average depth of the ocean is about three miles, this crust was floating on the earth's liquid interior, immersed to a depth of thirty-two miles. The density of this crust as we find it in the moon (three and onehalf) gives us a not improbable value, bearing out the supposition.

When first thrown off, the moon cannot have had its present shape, as the attractive force of the earth would not have permitted a spherical body of such size to exist in its immediate vicinity. It possibly took the form of a ring, more or less irregular, surrounding the earth's equator, and was probably composed of a large number of separate bodies which, as they receded, coalesced and eventually took the present spherical shape.

Having now looked back into the past as far as modern science can see, let us what the future has in store for us. Are we going to lose our moon after all? Apparently not, for the recession is limited. The moon may continue to recede until it reaches a distance of three hundred and fifty thousand miles, or about half as far again as it is now. Its month will then last fifty of our present days. Our day at that remote epoch will also have increased and be fifty times as long as it is at present. The earth and moon will then constantly present the same face to one another. The moon will be one turn in the opposite direction and learn face to one another. The moon will cease to rise and set, there will be one point on the earth's surface where the moon will be always overhead, and people living on the other side of the earth will never see the moon at all. After that the tides will cease to act, a permanent condition will have been reached, and no further change will be possible.

That this condition of affairs cannot occur in many millions of years is obvious, but is it not possible that in the meantime other events may occur which will modify or entirely change the order of procedure? To this question science gives a pretty distinct affirmative. The moon will cease to recede as soon as the tides cease to exist, and the tides will cease to exist as soon as the ocean dries up, or freezes into one solid mass. Whether in the future the ocean will dry up, we cannot say, although it looks as if it would, unless it first freezes solid.

The heat of our sun is maintained by a steady contraction of its bulk, amounting to an annual diminution of about two hundred and fifty feet in its diameter. The sun's diameter is about a million miles, and although this diminution is small, it is clear that it cannot go on forever. In short, before long, astronomically speaking, the heat of the sun must begin to diminish sensibly. Professor Newcomb concludes that in five million years it will be giving out less than half its present supply of heat. Long before that time our oceans will have frozen over, and soon after that occurs our Eskimo posterity will have disappeared off the face of this frozen planet, so it is not likely that any of our descendants will ever live to see a stationary distant moon and a many-times-lengthened

In closing, it may be well to call attention to the fact that while we have at present no means either to prove or disprove this suggestion as to the birthplace of the moon, it is a point in its favor that it explains three facts for which no explanation whatever has before been offered: first the resemblance of the Atlantic coast-line of the eastern and western continents; second, the con-trast between the character of the Atlantic and Pacific continental coasts: and third, the existence of the per-

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